

CLAIMS

1. A method for enabling a product transfer transaction between a buyer and a seller, comprising:

5 receiving via a communication network a product request from a buyer to obtain a product from a seller, wherein the seller is at a remote location from the buyer;

determining a mailer to send to the seller for the seller to place the requested product in the mailer and send the mailer with the product to the buyer;

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determining a postage amount associated with the product request for placement on the mailer.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of sending information on the mailer, the postage amount, and a buyer and seller address to a fulfillment center, wherein the fulfillment center sends the mailer with postage to the seller for the seller to place products in the mailer and send the mailer with products to the buyer.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of processing a charge to the buyer based upon the product request.

20 4. The method of claim 1, wherein a currency quantity is transferred from the buyer's account to an account of the seller.

5. The method of claim 4, wherein the currency quantity comprises

points accumulated from a previous product transfer.

6. The method of claim 4, wherein the currency quantity required to purchase the requested product is pre-determined by the seller.

7. The method of claim 6 further comprising displaying to the seller 5 pricing information of similar items by other sellers.

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of sending a confirmation request to the seller that the seller confirm seller will fulfill the product request.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein a performance rating of the seller 10 is adjusted based on whether the seller confirms or cancels the product request from the buyer in response to the confirmation request.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein the product request is cancelled if the seller fails to respond to the confirmation request within a predetermined time.

11. The method of claim 8, wherein a performance rating of the seller 15 is adjusted based on whether the seller confirms or cancels the product request within a predetermined time frame.

12. The method of claim 1, further comprising sending a confirmation request to the buyer that the buyer confirm buyer has received the requested product.

20 13. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining a mailer for the seller to ship the products to the buyer is based on the number and type of products requested by the buyer.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining a postage amount to place on the mailer is based on the weight of the products requested by the buyer and the weight of the mailer.

15. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving via a communication network a product request from a buyer to obtain products from a seller further comprises:

identifying other products available from the seller that are available; and
displaying the other available products to the buyer so that the buyer can
10 request additional products from the seller.

16. The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying to a buyer a member rating of a seller.

17. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving from the buyer the name of a carrier to deliver the mailer; and
15 receiving from the buyer the class of delivery.

18. The method of claim 17, further comprising receiving from the buyer a proof of delivery requirement.

19. A computer-implemented system for enabling a product transfer transaction between a buyer and a seller, comprising:
20 a software application component for receiving via a communication network a product request from a buyer to obtain products from a seller, wherein the seller is remote from the buyer, including:

a mailer determining component for determining an appropriate mailer to send to the seller for the seller to place the requested product in the mailer and send the mailer with the product to the buyer;

5 a postage determining component for determining an appropriate postage amount to place on the mailer; and

a data storage component for storing information on a plurality of buyers and sellers.

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20. The system of claim 19, wherein said data storage component contains a record of products each seller has available for transfer.